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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Barbara Jean Wallace

Inglewood, California Person Sentenced on September 19, 2007 to 78 Months in Federal Prison for Trafficking in OxyContin and Committing Perjury

Barbara Jean Wallace, a 30-year-old from Inglewood, California, was sentenced on September 19, 2007 to 78 months in federal prison for trafficking in OxyContin and committing perjury, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today. Wallace was sentenced in U.S. District Court by Judge Thomas L. Ludington. Judge Ludington presided over Wallace's first trial, which ended with a hung jury, and her second trial at which she was convicted of both drug offenses and two counts of perjury.

The investigation conducted by the Postal Inspection Service (the investigatory component of the U.S. Postal Service) and the Drug Enforcement Administration revealed that Barbara Wallace and Dameon Baber used the U.S. Mail to send OxyContin pills to Wardell Amos in Saginaw, Michigan. The 80 mg OxyContin pills were hidden in dolls and sent to Amos via Express Mail. Amos sold the OxyContin pills and paid Wallace and Baber by Western Union.

Baber and Amos pled guilty and were sentenced to 36 months and 113 months,

respectively. Wallace opted to go to trial. Her perjurious testimony during her first trial resulted in a hung jury so a mistrial was declared. During the re-trial, the second jury found Wallace guilty of the drug charges and also perjury based on her false testimony during the first trial.

U.S. Attorney Murphy thanked the Postal Inspection Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration for their assistance in the successful investigation and prosecution of the case.